

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 6401146, 1414 DEXTER AVE N

Assessment Completed: 4/9/2014

Project Description: 200 units of type 5 podium residential over below grade garage.

Primary Applicant: [Jodi Patterson-O'hare](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Storm drainage main location: Galer St- combined sewer overflow

Storm drainage main size: 42-inches

Other location: METRO/King Co Combined, Dexter Ave N

Other size: 84-inches

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Public storm drain system. Combined sewer overflow in Galer St

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Submit a [Standard Drainage Control Plan for Small Projects](#) including the [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#).

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Water Quality

No requirements

Wastewater

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Public storm drain system. Combined sewer overflow in Galer St

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curbline reinstalled, per SDOT standards.

Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by DPD and SDOT.

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Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

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A concrete sidewalk will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

New structures must be designed to accommodate right-of-way improvements. To ensure that driveways and pedestrian access points are designed to match these future street improvements, please use the Building Grade Calculator, which can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/gradesheetintro.htm>

Because full street improvements are not being required for this project, or the project qualifies for a reduced street improvement, a no-protest agreement is required. This form can be found [here](#).

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A 11' foot setback is required. Please label on Site Plan.

Other requirements: Quartersection map references Hinckley vs. City of Seattle (1913, see <http://tiny.cc/3f7qdx>). DPD has determined that this case has no bearing on street improvement requirements applied to Galer R.O.W. Consider an exception request per SMC 23.53.015 D3.

Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

Preliminary screening of your project has been completed and it appears that your proposal is located in an environmentally critical area (ECA) which may require an ECA review and SEPA. For additional information about ECAs and SEPA, visit the DPD website (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/>).

Based on the preliminary scope, the project may qualify for a specific exemption under the Environmentally Critical Areas Ordinance. Application and decision on the exemption must be made before submittal of a application. See CAM 327 for more details.

Development within a steep slope or steep slope buffers requires a steep slope area variance. See CAM 330 for more details.

Based on the preliminary site plan, an environmentally critical areas exception will be required. See CAM 328 for more details.

This project will require an "Abbreviated Transportation Study", which will need to be submitted at the intake appointment for the permit application. Please refer to Director's Rule 8-2012, which describes the required content for the study and how to apply for an exemption to this requirement. Your permit application will not be accepted unless the study is provided, or unless a Transportation Study Exemption has been granted.

Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site ([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

Since your development proposal includes alteration or demo of a 50+ year old structure, you are required to submit a "referral" to the Historic Preservation Program at Department of Neighborhoods (DON). DON staff will review the eligibility of the structure as a landmark. This determination must be made before you can schedule an intake appointment for your project.

Please see Client Assistance Memo 3000 titled “DPD and DON Referral Process for Determining Landmark Eligibility” (pages 3-4). Your referral application should include a response to the “Appendix A of the Interdepartmental Agreement” on page 6 of the CAM. The referral information should be sent to “Karen Gordon, City Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124”.

Once the DON staff review the information contained in your referral, one of the following three determinations will be made:

- 1) The building appears to be ineligible as a landmark and no further Department of Neighborhoods review is required. You may schedule your intake appointment.
- 2) The subject building appears to be eligible and a Landmark Nomination application must be submitted to the DON Historic Preservation Program. This application and determination must occur before DPD permit intake since the outcome of this landmark nomination decision may affect the design or feasibility of your project.
- 3) The subject building/site is determined to be a designated City Landmark. A Certificate of Approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board is required for changes proposed to the designated features of the Landmark. You will need provide a copy of your application for a Landmark Certificate of Approval prior to permit intake. No DPD permit will not be issued until the Certificate of Approval has been issued.

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

The site plan did not include the following existing or proposed elements:

This project was submitted as a building application not a planning application but has little to no details about the proposed structure. The site itself was poorly designated or addressed with regards to what is existing on site so it is difficult to say whether this is the right application or the correct site was visited.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Steep slope

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Approximate curb height: 1-3" inches

A storm inlet does not appear to be located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

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Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

- 1) **all** trees on the site,
- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

Submit a geotechnical report with the permit intake submittal package. Geotechnical report must be signed and stamped by a geotechnical engineer licensed in the State of Washington per [SMC 22.170.070](#), [SMC 25.09](#), and [Directors Rule \(DR\) 18-2011](#).

Provide a topographic survey with 2-foot contours on and within 25-feet of the property, stamped by a licensed land surveyor (see [25.09.330A](#))

Delineate the clearing limits on the site plan

Provide a vegetation restoration plan per SMC [25.09.320](#), [Tip 331](#) and [Tip 331A](#). **Prior to any vegetation removal in the critical area, review, approval, and a preconstruction meeting is required**

Delineate the steep slope critical area on a site plan based on the survey (per SMC 25.09.020 A3b(5)). Provide area calculations for the steep slope delineation.

Show the steep slope buffer. Generally, the buffer is 15-feet from the top and/or toe of the slope

Construction activity area appears to be within the steep slope critical area and/or its associated buffer. A steep slope variance may be required (see SMC 25.09.180E.1)

An ECA pre-submittal conference is strongly recommended. Call the Applicant Services Center (206-684-8850) to schedule an appointment

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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10' Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance required between power lines and permanent structures. Review DPD TIP 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance.

Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along Dexter Ave N.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along Dexter Ave N.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Dexter Ave N.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

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Conservation

Energy Smart Services. Seattle City Light offers energy conservation grants for large new construction projects designed to exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the Seattle Energy Code. Contact Seattle City Light early in the design process to receive free energy analyses and funding estimates by utility staff, and funding for whole-building energy analysis by private sector consultants. The program is win-win. Tenants and buyers are attracted by reduced operating costs, while the project developers benefit from additional LEED points and grants to help offset increases in construction costs. The utility meets load growth through an investment that is less expensive than building new generating facilities. Designers are better able to promote the economics of cutting edge designs. Call (206) 684-3254 today to take advantage of this opportunity.

Notes to Applicant

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Chris Raines, 206-684-4228, christopher.raines@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

Other Requirements

- Additional Working Clearance Requirements: For cranes and derricks in construction, there is a new OSHA standard for clearance from overhead power lines. The new standard is 20 feet from overhead power lines.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

Street Improvement Requirements

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Other requirements: Project currently in Design Guidance under SIP#226452 addressed at "1287 Westlake Ave N"

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

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All trail and sidewalk projects shall implement green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.030. Refer to DR SF-MEF and CAM 501. Table 4.6

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20140546

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Richard F Wilson

Existing Water System Information

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 140 feet N of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 20 inches	Material: Cast Iron	Class: c
- Standard		
- Abutting		

Water Main is available to serve in: Dexter Avenue N

Distance of main to E margin of street is 25 feet.

Public ROW width is 80 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 6"	Material: Other/unknown
Size: 3/4"	Material: Copper

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).